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June 11, 2013

Bonnie D. Shealy, Esquire Robinson, McFadden & Moore, P.C. Post Office Box 944 Columbia, SC 29202

IN RE: Docket No. 2013-216-C – Joint Application of Birch Communications, Inc.; Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications; and Ernest Communications, Inc. for Approval to Transfer Assets

Dear Ms. Shealy,

Enclosed herewith is the Notice of Filing and Hearing concerning the above-captioned Docket. In order to proceed with the processing of this matter, it will be necessary for you to accomplish the following:

Publish at your own expense, on or before **June 21, 2013,** the enclosed Notice in newspapers of general circulation one time and provide the undersigned Proof of Publication on or before **July 12, 2013.**

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In the meantime, if you should require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,

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